

DIAA Sportsmanship Committee Special Meeting  
Thursday, September 1, 2011 – 11:00 A.M.  
Tower Hill School  
1517 Mt. Salem Lane  
Wilmington, DE 19806

1- Welcome and Call to Order:

Chris Wheeler, Chair called the Meeting to order at 11:01am.

2- In Attendance:

Chris Wheeler, Edna Cale, Joan Samonisky, Dennis Craighton, Glen Stevenson, Bill Legge, Pete Celeberti, Sebrina Perialas, Jack Holloway, John Sadowski, Bob Bussiere, Susan Coffing. Also in attendance were Kevin Charles, DIAA Executive Director and Thomas Neubauer, DIAA Coordinator of Officials/Events.

3- Final Report – Dover High School Football Game 11/12/10

The Committee reviewed all reports and documents and discussed the actions of coaches and players from Dover High School.

There was a concern that the identification of players in the Game Report who were to be suspended from the first regular season varsity football game did not correspond with the report submitted by Dover High School.

Mr. Holloway made a motion to have Mr. Neubauer and Dover Athletic Director, Eric Torbert resolve these identities before the game. Seconded by Mr. Celeberti, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Legge made a motion to send a letter to Dover High School informing them that although Mr. Dan Waite was not returning as a Coach, should he plan to do so in the future he would be subject to recall by this Committee due to his actions. Seconded by Mr. Bussiere, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Samonisky made a motion to send a letter of Reprimand to Mr. Carlton Brown, Dover Head Coach for his failure to control his team and sideline that evening, as well as not having a proper roster posted for the use of game officials and DIAA to identify players. Seconded by Ms. Cale, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Legge made a motion to place the Dover High School Football Coaching Staff on Probation for the 2011-12 School Year. Seconded by Mr. Craighton, the motion passed unanimously.

The Committee instructed Mr. Craighton as a representative of the Northern Delaware Football Officials Association and Mr. Celeberti as a representative of the Delmarva Football Officials Association and Mr. Neubauer as DIAA Coordinator of Officials to present to these groups the proper NFHS mechanics for communicating with Coaches and Team Captains and how to handle special situations such as a fight. Also, that the Committee reaffirms the stance of zero tolerance of any 'trash-talking' during Games. The proper communication mechanics and zero tolerance of trash-talking were emphasized at the DIAA Football Rules Clinics held in August.

4- Ms. Samonisky made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Coffing, motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned 12:28pm.